

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I didn't say preferences, I said principles. You're willing to compromise your principles to get a bill passed.

SENATOR HORGAN: No, I disagree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then this issue of safety is not one of principle with you? If it's not one of principle and you've compromised so much already because it's just a preference, why cannot you compromise a little more away from a preference into a position of principle and make the driver responsible only for the conduct in which he or she engages in, which he or she can control?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator, in those states where the passengers are responsible, it's been my understanding, the research that we've done, that it creates major problems in trying to issue those types of citations and in trying to enforce the law that way. It's much easier to enforce the law if you stop someone who has had another infraction of the law or suspected of having an infraction of the law, you stop that person and then if you...if they're not wearing seat belts or someone in their automobile in the front seat is not wearing their seat belts, then you can issue a ticket to the driver of that car.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're interested in easy prosecution rather than total safety?

SENATOR HORGAN: I'm sorry, I didn't (interruption).

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're more interested in easy prosecution than in total safety for the occupants of the car?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, that's not true, Senator. What I'm concerned about is trying to get a bill passed that's going to save lives and that's going to reduce injuries. And I think you, yourself, have been involved in legislation where you have compromised to the point where it's not the type of bill you would actually like to have but, indeed, it's the bill that you will accept because it...